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Agency Tracts

Control of education in the Agency tracts by the Revenue department.

* 472 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state for how long the control of education in the Agency tracts has been vested in the Revenue department, and the advantages the new system has over the old one under which the control was vested in the Education department ?

A.—The control of education in the Agency tracts was at no time vested solely in the officers of the Educational Department. It remained primarily with the Agents and the Special Assistant Agents who acted in consultation with the officers of the Educational Department. A separate Agency Educational Officer was assisting the Agency Commissioner, and later, the Agents until 1929, when the post was abolished. As it was found that the District Educational Officers could not efficiently perform the duties assigned to the Agency Educational Officer in addition to their work in the plains, the Government issued orders in December 1929 entrusting those duties so far as they related to elementary schools to the Special Assistant Agents, leaving the control of all secondary and training schools to the District Educational Officers concerned. The control of secondary and of training schools under Government management was, however, transferred to the Agents and the Special Assistant Agents, respectively, in 1931, the District Educational Officer's functions being confined to the periodical inspection of these institutions. District Educational Officers were able to spend little time in the Agency and were not in close touch with the special conditions in that area. Agents and Special Assistant Agents, on the other hand, frequently tour in the Agency and are well acquainted with the conditions of the schools and the educational needs of the inhabitants. They are, therefore, in a position to exercise better supervision over the schools.

Irrigation

The Tungabhadra Project.

* 473 *Q.*—Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the progress made in the negotiations between the Madras Government and the Government of His Exalted Highness the Nizam regarding the long pending Tungabhadra Project;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Mettur Project is almost finished and, if not, whether the Government will state the time that is likely to be taken for the completion of all the works connected with the Mettur Project; and